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II. Amendments to the Claims

Please replace the claims as previously submitted with the following claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A fishing device comprising:

a line connectable between a fishing line and a hook; and

a parachute having a periphery, the periphery being attached to the line so as to provide a drag when the line is pulled in the direction of the hook; and

wherein the parachute includes:

a plurality of suspension lines, each having a first end and a second end, the first ends of the plurality of suspension lines being connected at spaced locations near the periphery of the parachute; and

a first connector attached to the second ends of the plurality of suspension lines,
wherein

the first connector is attached to a first point on the line.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Original) The fishing device of claim 1 2, wherein the parachute is attached to the line so as to not provide a drag when the line is pulled in the direction of the fishing line.

4. (Original) The fishing device of claim 1, wherein the line passes through at least a portion of the parachute.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Original) The fishing device of claim 1 5, wherein the first connector can rotate about the line.

7. (Original) The fishing device of claim 1 5, wherein the parachute further includes:

a tether line having a first end and a second end, the first end being connected to a central portion of the parachute; and

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a second connector attached to the second end of the tether line, wherein the second connector is attached to a second point on the line, the second point being spaced from the first point.

8. (Original) The fishing device of claim 1, further comprising:

a container having two parts, wherein one part is connected to the fishing line and one part is connected to the hook;

wherein the line and the parachute can be packed within the container.

9. (Original) The fishing device of claim 8, wherein the container further includes a connector for attaching the two parts with the line and parachute packed within the container.

10. (Original) The fishing device of claim 9, wherein the connector releases the two parts when a tension between the hook and the fishing line exceeds a threshold.

11. (Original) The fishing device of claim 9, wherein the connector includes:

a plurality of cords attached to one of the two parts; and

a plurality of holes in the other of the two parts for receiving the plurality of cords.

12. (Original) The fishing device of claim 8, wherein the container is shaped to function as a lure.

13. (Original) The fishing device of claim 1, wherein the parachute is located near the hook.

14. (Original) The fishing device of claim 1, wherein the parachute is spaced away from the hook.

15. (Currently Amended) A method of providing resistance to a swimming fish when fishing, the method comprising the steps of:

engaging a hook in a fish, the hook being attached to a fishing line;

deploying a parachute connected to the fishing line when the hook is engaged to create a drag to the fishing line in the water, wherein the parachute includes:

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a plurality of suspension lines, each having a first end and a second end, the first ends of the plurality of suspension lines being connected at spaced locations near the periphery of the parachute; and

a first connector attached to the second ends of the plurality of suspension lines, wherein the first connector is attached to a first point on the fishing line.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 15, wherein the step of deploying the parachute includes the steps of:

providing a drag from the parachute when the hook is moved in a direction away from the fishing line; and

releasing the drag from the parachute when the hook is moved in a direction towards the fishing line.

18. (Cancelled)